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# Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of		)	ank.
TIME WARNER INC.			MAY 1 9 2005
Transferor,	*	MC/MEI-TOH	
and		)	
COMCAST CORPORATION		)	
Transferee,		)	
Application for Consent to Transfer Certain Customer Lines and Accounts Operating Pursuant to Blanket Domestic Authority Under Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as Amended		) File No ) ) )	

#### APPLICATION

Pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214, Time Warner Inc. ("Time Warner") and Comcast Corporation ("Comcast") (collectively, the "Applicants"), hereby request the Commission's consent to transfer certain customer lines and accounts to certain subsidiaries of Comcast (the "Transferee"). The lines and accounts comprise domestic service which operate pursuant to blanket authority under Section 214 and Section 63.01 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.01.

This Application is subject to streamlined treatment pursuant to Section 63.03 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b)(2)(i), as: (1) the proposed transaction will not result in the Transferee having a market share in any interstate, interexchange market of greater than 10 percent; (2) the Transferee will continue to provide competitive

telephone exchange services exclusively in geographic areas serviced by dominant local exchange carriers; and (3) none of the Applicants is dominant with respect to any affected service. Furthermore, the proposed acquisitions will comply with applicable statutes and the Commission's rules and will promote the public interest by enhancing facilities-based competition in the provision of local telephony.

## INTRODUCTION AND DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION

This application arises from a series of agreements involving Adelphia, Comcast, and Time Warner. As a result of the transactions contemplated by these agreements: (1) Time Warner and Comcast will each acquire various cable systems that, in the aggregate, comprise substantially all of the domestic cable systems now owned or managed by Adelphia (the "Adelphia Transactions"); (2) Time Warner and Comcast will swap certain cable systems, including certain cable systems newly acquired from Adelphia and certain cable systems that they each currently own (the "Swap Transactions"); (3) Time Warner will redeem Comcast's existing equity and partnership interests in Time Warner Cable and Time Warner Entertainment Company, LP, in exchange for the distribution to Comcast of certain cable systems and cash (the "Redemption Transactions"); and (4) Time Warner Cable will emerge as a publicly traded company, voting control of which will continue to be held by Time Warner Inc. In connection with these facilities-based transactions, certain customer lines and accounts provided under 214 authority will be transferred among the parties.

This application, and the applications being filed concurrently herewith, seek

Commission consent to accomplish the various transfers necessary to effectuate the

Adelphia Transactions, the Swap Transactions, and the Redemption Transactions. A

Public Interest Statement and copies of the agreements referenced above are being

submitted to the Commission concurrently herewith and can be found in MB Docket 05
192.

This particular application pertains to the Swap Transactions. (This is actually the "second step" in a two-part transaction. It assumes a grant of a companion application seeking 214 authority to transfer certain customer lines and accounts currently provided by Adelphia subsidiaries to various Time Warner subsidiaries.) This application seeks 214 authority to transfer a subset of the newly acquired customer lines from certain Time Warner subsidiaries to various subsidiaries of Comcast Corporation.

## INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SECTION 63.04

## I. APPLICANTS AND CONTACT PERSONS

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## II. OWNERSHIP

Comcast hereby certifies that the entities acquiring the designated subscriber lines and accounts will be indirectly-held, wholly-owned subsidiaries of Comcast and that no party other than Comcast (and its wholly-owned intermediate subsidiaries) will own a 10 percent or greater direct or indirect interest in the acquiring entities. Comcast further certifies that it is not affiliated with a foreign carrier, has no attributable 10 percent or greater interest in a foreign carrier, no foreign entity has an attributable 10 percent or greater interest in Comcast and that Comcast does not have an interlocking directorate with any foreign carrier.

## III. CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO RULES 1.2001 – 1.2003

As evidenced by the signatures to the Application, no party to this Application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 853(a).

## IV. SERVICES AND GEOGRAPHIC AREAS

Following Commission consent to a separate Section 214 application being filed today, and associated with MB Docket No. 05-192, to transfer certain facilities from Adelphia to Time Warner, Time Warner seeks to transfer certain of the newly acquired dedicated transport services, some of which are E-Rate eligible, to Comcast. This Application pertains to certain facilities in Pennsylvania (Wingate, State College, Lock Haven, Bellefonte, and Pleasant Gap) and certain areas in Southwestern New York.

Time Warner and its affiliates currently provide certain Voice Over Internet

Protocol. In addition, Time Warner provides, in very limited areas, traditional switched telephone service that operates pursuant to blanket Section 214 authority.

Certain Comcast subsidiaries are duly authorized to provide facilities-based, interexchange and/or long distance telecommunications services to residential and business customers in various portions of the United States, in all states except Alaska and Hawaii. <sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The customer lines and accounts currently provided by Comcast subsidiaries in and around the Greater Dallas Metropolitan Area, the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area, and certain other limited locations, are subject to a separate Section 214 application being filed today and also associated with MB Docket 05-192 to transfer the facilities to Time Warner.

## V. OTHER COMMISSION APPLICATIONS RELATED TO TRANSACTION

A number of other applications are being filed with the Commission concurrently herewith in connection with the same underlying transactions. These applications are referenced in MB Docket No. 05-192.

## VI. SPECIAL CONSIDERATION AND WAIVERS

Pursuant to Sections 63.04(a)(10) and 63.04(a)(11) of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.04(a)(10), 47 C.F.R. § 63.04(a)(11), the applicants are not requesting special consideration or waivers in connection with this transaction.

## VII. PUBLIC INTEREST

By granting this application, the Commission will service the public interest, convenience and necessity by ensuring continuity of service to the Carrier's customers and promoting competition in the domestic telecommunications services market. A general Public Interest Statement is included in MB Docket 05-192 and is hereby incorporated by reference. Accordingly, the parties respectfully request that the Commission grant the instant Application for transfer of certain customer lines and accounts currently subject to existing blanket domestic Section 214 authority.

# **CONCLUSION**

For all the foregoing reasons, the Applicants respectfully request that the Commission grant this Application.

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	Respectfully submitted,
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# **CONCLUSION**

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